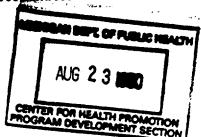


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Mr. John Beasley, Chief Program Development Section Center for Health Promotion Michigan Dept. of Public Health P.O. Box 30195 Lansing, MI 48909

RE: Michigan Dept. of Health ASSIST Grant

Dear Mr. Beasley:

The Michigan Ecumenical Forum is a covenantal, cooperative association of the majority of church judicatories in the State of Michigan. As such, we cannot fully speak on issues for all the churches, but we are able to speak in newsletters and through cooperative ventures of the churches.

One issue the churches are greatly concerned about is the issue of smoking and health. With this concern, we are a member of the Tobacco Free Michigan Coalition, and thoroughly endorse the efforts to curtail smoking in the State, as well as the application for the ASSIST grant. Our newsletter, in which we plan to publish information about the efforts of the coalition, is published quarterly and is sent to approximately 6,200 churches and individuals.

We hope this explains our participation in the coalition and our endorsement of the ASSIST grant.

Sincerely,

arroll E. Keegstra

Interim Coordinator,

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cc Ms. Andrea M. Poniers, Consultant